

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Executive Sessions

November 18, 1987

On Motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, at 10:45 a.m. in Jackson, Mississippi to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary to discuss personnel matters at Mississippi Valley State University. Members present were William H. Austin, Jr., Thomas D. Bourdeaux, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Will A. Hickman, Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., John R. Lovelace, Diane Miller, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, George T. Watson, and Betty A. Williams. William M. Jones was absent.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Griffis, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, that an executive session was in order to discuss a letter from Ms. Earline C. Chambers concerning Mississippi Valley State University and the status of a legal settlement by Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University.

Mr. Jacobs, Chairman of the Legal Committee, presented a discussion concerning the attached letter from Ms. Earline C. Chambers dated October 27, 1987, concerning political activities at Mississippi Valley State University.

Mrs. Carolyn Mills, Assistant Attorney General, notified the Board of Trustees that Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University, did not desire to seek a settlement in the personal liability litigation filed by Dr. William Stewart.

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, to return to open session.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, at 2:00 p.m. in Jackson, Mississippi to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary to discuss a personnel matter at the executive office. Members present were William H. Austin, Jr., Thomas D. Bourdeaux, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Will A. Hickman, Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., William M. Jones, John R. Lovelace, Diane Miller, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, George T. Watson, and Betty A. Williams.

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, that an executive session was in order to discuss the Board of Trustees' contract with the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Mike Moore, Attorney General-Elect of the State of Mississippi, discussed his philosophy of legal representation for the universities.

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 18, 1987, to return to open session.

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Executive Secretary

Approved:

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President

October 27, 1987

State College Board  
3825 Ridgewood Road  
Jackson, Mississippi

Attention College Board Members:

In view of recent events on the campus of Mississippi Valley State University, I feel it is my duty as a taxpayer to inform someone on the College Board.

There are employees at the University running for political offices at the expense of the taxpayers. Lawanda Ellis, a secretary, has been using the computers to print her campaign literature.

Dr. Jimmy Barnes, an instructor in the Social Science Department has publicly announced that all students in his classes had better vote and work for him on election day. If they don't, they know what's going to get.

The very same incident happened last year. A part-time instructor, Willie Perkins, had students from his classes working at the polls for a grade of A. Those who chose not to work received a failing grade. This incident was brought to the attention of the president, Joe Boyer, but to no avail.

I think an investigation of some kind is in order to stop further harassment of students. My son plans to graduate in May. I don't want something like this to hold him back. This is a free country and you can vote for anyone you choose.

Thank you,

Earline C. Chambers